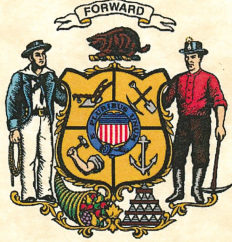


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Childhood Apraxia of Speech, commonly known as Apraxia, causes kids to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in kids; and

WHEREAS; while the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most kids, those with Apraxia often endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

WHEREAS; without early, intensive, and frequent speech therapy intervention, kids with Apraxia are placed at a high risk for secondary impacts in other school-related skills, such as reading and writing, and might never learn to communicate with their own voice; and

WHEREAS; these impacts in childhood can diminish the likelihood of future independence and opportunities for employment; and

WHEREAS; greater public awareness about Apraxia in Wisconsin, among community members, physicians, education professionals, policy makers, and elected officials, is essential to supporting those affected by this disorder; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin commends all kids living with Apraxia, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

APRAXIA AWARENESS MONTH

and May 14, 2020, as

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 24th day
of April 2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State